

declared another dividend, amount \$88,750, payable January 15th, 1913. The Hedley Gold Mining Co. earned about \$47,500; the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co., \$78,138; and the British Columbia Copper Co. and Motherlode Sheep Creek Mining Co., substantial though unpublished amounts in excess of divided profits; and there are others. It will be seen, therefore, that 1912 was a profitable year for a number of the metalliferous mining companies.

CONCLUDING NOTES.

Just a few figures in conclusion. The aggregate value of the mineral production of British Columbia for all years to the end of 1912 is approximately \$430,303,000. The greater progress of recent years may be the better recognized if some comparisons be made. The aggregate value for fifty-one years, 1852-1902, was \$189,729,000; for ten years, 1903-1912, it was about \$240,574,000. These figures show that nearly 57 per cent. of the aggregate production of sixty-one years was made during the ten years last past, leaving but a little more than 43 per cent. for the fifty-one years that went before. It is, therefore, plainly evident that in the last decade there has been progress of a marked character. Bringing comparison nearer to the present time, it may be shown, further, that the proportion of the last five years, 1908-1912, was \$139,770,000, as against \$109,798,000 for the five-year period 1903-1907. It is a striking fact that, of the value of the mineral production for the whole period of sixty-one years for which statistics are on official record, rather more than 30 per cent., or nearly one-third, was the production of the last five years. This, surely, is convincing evidence of the substantial and gratifying progress of the mining industry of British Columbia.

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